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SUBJECT: SOVIET ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. SOVIET AMBASSADOR YAKOVLEV GAVE ANNUAL MASSIVE ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION NOVEMBER 7, THE 1973 VERSION BEING NOTABLE IN SEVERAL RESPECTS. ATTENDANCE OF ROUGHLY 2000 POLITICIANS, DIPLOMATS, ATTACHES AND SWEDES FROM MANY WALKS WAS

PROBABLY LARGEST EVER. AS USUAL, EMBASSY WAS ILL-PREPARED TO HANDLE CROWD, AND MANY A GUEST WENT HUNGRY AND THIRSTY.

2. PRIME MINISTER PALME BROKE HIS RULE OF AVOIDING NATIONAL DAYS AND HEADED AN EXCEPTIONALLY HEAVY AND HIGH-RANKING TURNOUT OF GOS OFFICIALDOM. SOME BUT NOT ALL OF GOS LUMINARIES PRESENT WERE: NEW DEFENSE MINISTER HOLMQUIST, NEW HOUSING MINISTER INGVAR CARLSSON, C-IN-C OF ARMED FORCES SYNNERGREN AND HEADS OF ALL THREE BRANCHES OF THE ARMED FORCES. NEW FOREIGN MINISTER SVEN ANDERSSON WAS NOT PRESENT, BUT THE HALF-DOZEN MFA OFFICIALS NEXT IN LINE, STARTING WITH STATE SECRETARY ASTROM, CAME EARLY AND STAYED LATE. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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3. COMMEND: PALME APPEARANCE AND HEAVY GOVERNMENT TURNOUT
PROBABLY WAS RELATED TO SWEDISH ANXIETY THAT THIS COUNTRY MAY
GET CAUGHT IN MIDEAST POLITICAL WRINGER. GOVERNMENT IS MOST
ANXIOUS NOT TO ATTRACT UNFAVORABLE ARAB ATTENTION. PRESUMABLY
PALME & CO. THOUGHT SOVIET EMBASSY WAS GOOD PLACE TO BE SEEN THIS
WEEK, PARTICULARLY SINCE EVERY ARAB DIPLOMAT IN TOWN WAS
SEEMINGLY PRESENT.
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